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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 5130

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SUBJ: LEBANESE SITUATION: OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 13

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FORCE. THE GREEK ORTHODOX PRELATE OF BEIRUT DIED. END SUMMARY.

2. FIGHTING INCREASES IN SOUTH.

THE LEVEL OF FIGHTING IN SOUTH LEBANON INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, AS BOTH SIDES ACCUSED THE OTHER OF VIOLATING THE CEASEFIRE WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 26. ON OCTOBER 10, SMALL TEAMS OF LEBANESE ARMY SOLDIERS TOOK OVER BARRACKS IN NABITIYEH, TYRE AND TIBNIN, ACCORDING TO PRESS AND OFFICIAL SOURCES. THE TEAMS ARE TO PREPARE FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF THREE LEBANESE ARMY BATTALIONS TO SOUTH LEBANON TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE III OF THE SHTAURA AGREEMENT. LOCAL OBSERVERS FEAR THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE BATTALIONS WILL BE DELAYED BECAUSE OF THE RENEWED FIGHTING.

3. FIRST LEBANESE SAINT CANONIZED.

LEBANON'S FIRST SAINT, FATHER SHARBEL MAKHLOUF, WAS CANONIZED AT THE VATICAN ON OCTOBER 9. FORMER PRESIDENT CHARLES HELOU HEADED THE LEBANESE DELEGATION, WHICH INCLUDED MARONITE PATRIARCH ANTONIOS KHORAICHE, THAT ATTENDED THE CEREMONIES. POPE PAUL RECEIVED HELOU FOR A ONE-HOUR PRIVATE AUDIENCE ON OCTOBER 10 AND SAID "THE LEBANESE TRAGEDY IS A WOUND IN MY HEART," ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS.

4. BOUTROS RETURNS FROM NEW YORK.

FOREIGN MINISTER FUAD BOUTROS RETURNED TO BEIRUT ON OCTOBER 11 AFTER ATTENDING THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND HOLDING TALKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE. BOUTROS TOLD  
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REPORTERS AT BEIRUT AIRPORT THAT ALTHOUGH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, "IT WOULD BE PREMATURE" TO SAY THAT A SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM IS IMMINENT.

5. VIOLENCE CONTINUES.

THE BODIES OF FOUR MURDERED CHRISTIAN YOUTHS WERE FOUND NEAR THE PRIMARILY DRUZE TOWN OF ALEY ON OCTOBER 11. ACCORDING TO DATT SOURCES, THE FOUR WERE ABDUCTED FROM THE NEARBY CHRISTIAN TOWN OF BHAMDOUN AND DUMPED IN ALEY. THE MURDERS FOLLOW THE KILLING ON OCTOBER 9 OF TWO DRUZE OLIVE TRADERS WHO WERE ABDUCTED FROM THE CHRISTIAN TOWN OF JOUNIEH, BEHEADED, AND DUMPED IN FARIYAH. IN OTHER VIOLENCE, TWO IMPORTANT IRAQI BA'THISTS, KHALID AL HURAJJI AND MAHMOUD AL JABBOUN, WERE ASSASSINATED IN LEBANON LAST WEEK, ACCORDING TO A LOCAL IRAQI INTELLECTUAL. TWO SYRIAN SOLDIERS WERE SHOT DEAD IN WEST BEIRUT ON OCTOBER 11 BY IRAQI SYMPATHIZERS, ACCORDING TO A DATT SOURCE (SEE IR 6 857 0106 77).

6. CANDIDATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY SPEAKER.

ON OCTOBER 11 INDEPENDENT BLOC LEADER ADEL OSSEIRAN SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO RUN AS A "COMPROMISE CANDIDATE" FOR PARLIA-

MENTARY SPEAKER TO OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE TO BOTH INCUMBENT KAMEL ASSAD AND CHALLENGER KAZIM AL KHALIL, A VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL LIBERAL PARTY (NLP). THREE PARLIAMENTARY BLOCS HAVE ALREADY SAID THEY WILL SUPPORT ASSAD DURING THE ELECTIONS FOR SPEAKER SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 18: THE ALEY BLOC LED BY MAJID ARSLAN, THE ZAHLE BLOC LED BY JOSEPH SKAFF, AND THE NATIONAL STRUGGLE FRONT, LED BY BAHJE TAKIEDDINE. AT SAME TIME, THE NLP AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE KFUR FRONT HAVE SO FAR REFRAINED FROM EXPLICITLY ENDORSING AL KHALIL (SEE OCTOBER 6 SITREP).

7. ARAB DETERRENT FORCE.

SAUDI ARABIA MADE A \$9 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARAB DETERRENT FORCE (ADF) ON OCTOBER 11, ACCORDING TO CAIRO'S MIDDLE EAST NEWS CONFIDENTIAL

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AGENCY. (THE ADF BUDGET IS \$90 MILLION EVERY SIX MONTHS, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS.) THE DEFENSE MINISTER OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE), MOHAMMED BIN RASHED AL-MAKTOUN, VISITED BEIRUT FROM OCTOBER 8 TO 11 TO INSPECT THE UAE UNITS ASSIGNED TO THE ADF. AFTER A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS ON OCTOBER 10, AL-MAKTOUM TOLD THE PRESS THE UAE INTENDED TO NEITHER "INCREASE OR REDUCE" THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ADF.

8. GREEK ORTHODOX PRELATE DIES.

BISHOP ELIA SALEBY, THE GREEK ORTHODOX PRELATE OF BEIRUT, DIED OCTOBER 11 AT THE AGE OF 97. FUNERAL SERVICES ARE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 15.  
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